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## ***Building for the Future—USACE works on 12 Ninewa Schools***

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MOSUL, Iraq – The future of Iraq lies in the hands of its youngest citizens, and the future of those children lies in their ability to get a quality education.

The US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) recognizes this important connection and places a high priority on school building and rehabilitation in its mission to jumpstart infrastructure reconstruction in Iraq.

USACE Gulf Region Division's Gulf Region North (GRN) district is working on 12 new schools in the city of Mosul in Ninewa Province, Iraq. Once completed, each school will accommodate 150 to 300 students and teachers.

"The children are what make the school projects worthwhile. They love school. They love their books," said Lisa Lawson, USACE GRN project engineer. "This is part of the process for turning the tide for the future of Iraq."

GRN has nine additional schools planned for construction in the Ninewa Province.

The US Army Corps of Engineers Gulf Region North district was tasked with 1,500 projects in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, at a cost of nearly \$2.6 billion. GRN has completed more than 1,100 of those projects.



Workers apply a finish to an exterior wall of a two-story school in Mosul. The school is one of 12 currently being built by the US Army Corps of Engineers Gulf Region Division's Gulf Region North district in Ninewa Province. The 6 and 12 classroom schools will accom-